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MEMORANDUM TO: The Director

VIA: ~~The Deputy Director~~ *WJ*

Here are some questions that could be asked at the Thursday hearing by any one who has been reading some of the Press comments:

1. Do you have a written statement to furnish, or do you wish to make an oral statement, on your background, education, experience, etc.?
2. Are you acquainted with some attacks made recently in the Press regarding alleged activities by you as a ship builder in World War II and later as an Undersecretary of the Air Force?
3. Do you consider these attacks to result from domestic partisan politics, or are they Communist generated to give the Communists here and abroad a field day?
4. What experience have you had in industry or in Government that would qualify you to head the Central Intelligence Agency?
5. What is your philosophy of the whole subject of intelligence? Do you advocate centralized, individual control of intelligence activities or do you favor the Committee system?
6. The "New Republic" of 5 October 1961 and Senator Eugene McCarthy (AP of 16 October 1961) quote from a book by Professor Hanson outlining Hanson's views on the qualifications for the Director of Central Intelligence. Do you agree with Hanson's statement of qualifications?
7. Since you have expressed some suspicions that the Soviets were secretly testing nuclear hardware during the moratorium, now, as Director of Central Intelligence, do you know for a fact whether your expressed suspicions were accurate?
8. What net advantages have the Soviets achieved, in your judgment, as a result of their recent resumption of nuclear testing?
9. Have you any financial interest-personal financial interest- in any foreign corporations, companies, or in any American subsidiaries operating abroad, which could, in any way, tend to affect your views on foreign economic questions peculiar to the areas where these companies are operating?
10. Is the CIA, as charged in some of the Press, supporting any "reactionary" foreign governments, or undercutting any "liberal" regimes abroad?
11. Reference the incident of the Caltech faculty protest in 1956: What, by way of comparison, are your views about CIA employees and officials, who might wish to make public protests or otherwise express publicly personal views on matters that could concern foreign policy, or on defense strategy, or on intelligence policies and methods? Is there any restraint on scientists and former professors in the CIA that corresponds

to the "academic freedom" problem in universities and colleges?

12. As a distinguished Catholic layman, with Papal honors, do you foresee any advantages or disadvantages, in relations with the Vatican, which is said by some Americans to have extensive worldwide intelligence contacts?

13. Have you done anything during your World War II business relations with our Government that you regret or that you would not repeat under identical conditions were such to again exist?

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